

Minutes of the Justice Committee Meeting

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, December 4, 2000, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 700 of the McLean County Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sommer, Members Rodman, Gordon, Pokorney, Arnold.

Members Absent: None

Other Board

Members Present: Ms. Susie Johnson

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Mrs. Carmen Zielinski, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/ Elected Officials

Present: Sheriff Dave Owens; Mr. Derrick Love, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Acting Superintendent, McLean County Jail; Ms. Beth Carlson, Coroner; Ms. Sandra Parker, Circuit Clerk; Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender; Ms. Joan Naour, Director Correctional Health Services; Mr. Bill Gamblin, 911 Administrator; Mr. David Goldberg, Superintendent Juvenile Detention Center.

Chairman Sommer called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Hearing no objections, the minutes of the November 6, 2000 meeting were approved and placed on file as presented.

Ms. Sandra Parker, Circuit Clerk presented two requests for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2000 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Circuit Clerk Court Document Storage Fund 0142 and the Circuit Clerk Court Automation Fund 0140. The requests are for payment of that Court's portion of the TRW Integrated Justice Information System bill that is allocated.

Chairman Sommer stated that the \$78,150.00 figures are identical and are based on an agreement between the two sources of revenue that they be split in this manner.

Motion by Pokorney\Arnold to recommend approval of the two Emergency Appropriations Ordinances amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2000 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance for the Circuit Clerk's Court Automation Fund and Court Document Storage Fund. Motion carried.

Chairman Sommer opened discussion on a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for the Circuit Clerk's Child Support Enforcement Unit. Ms. Parker presented the request for an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2000 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Circuit Clerk Child Support Enforcement Fund.

Ms. Parker explained that this was the finalization of the budget for the last six months in order to cover the grant funds being used for the IDPA IV-D Child Support Enforcement. The grant runs from July 1 through June 30, 2000. Since an agreement was not reached till August of 2000, details could not be finalized till now.

Motion by Gordon\Pokorney to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation for the Circuit Clerk IDPA IV-D Child Support Enforcement Fund 0156. Motion carried.

Mr. Dave Goldberg, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center, discussed the contract for lease of bed space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center, with Livingston County. This contract guarantees Livingston County one bed space at the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center at a rate of \$95.00 per day. Livingston County is willing to pay for the one bed per day regardless if they utilize the bed or not. If Livingston County uses more than the one bed space per day, they will pay for each additional bed space at the rate of \$100.00 per day.

Motion by Arnold\Rodman to recommend approval of a Contract with Livingston County for Lease of Space in the McLean County Juvenile Detention Center. Motion carried.

Chairman Sommer asked what the 2001 projected average daily census rate for McLean County youths at the Juvenile Detention Center might be. Mr. Goldberg explained that, at the present time, the average is thirteen McLean County youths per day and four out-of-town youths per day. Last year, the average was fifteen McLean County youths and five out-of-town youths. This decrease is being experienced throughout the State of Illinois. No real prediction can be made.

Sheriff Dave Owens stated the 2001 Intergovernmental Agreements between the County of McLean, the City of Bloomington and the Town of Normal are for booking services provided. The services include the completion of all booking forms, fingerprinting, taking of mug shots, bonding, releasing and transferring persons into custody. The 2001 agreement is basically the same as the previous agreement with the exception of a 3% increase for both departments over the 2000 agreement.

Motion by Pokorney\Rodman to recommend the approval of the 2001 Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of McLean, the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, and Illinois State University as presented by the McLean County Sheriff.

Mr. Gordon wanted clarification that this contract agreement includes services provided to Illinois State University. Sheriff Owens stated that it does include services being provided to Illinois State University.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens discussed a bid for Chemical Agents for the Jail Laundry and Dish Machine which were opened in October, 2000. Request for Proposals were mailed out to four companies. Only one company responded, Ecolab Center of St. Paul, MN. Ecolab is the present vendor of this type of supplies. Sheriff Owens advised the Committee that he Sheriff's Department is recommending the award of this bid to Ecolab Center. Mr. Love stated that there is no increase in the price of these supplies.

Motion by Arnold\Pokorney to recommend the approval and award of the bid received from Ecolab for Jail Chemical Agents for Jail Laundry and Dish Machine as presented by the McLean County Sheriff. Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens stated that bids were solicited for a Radio Maintenance Contract for the McLean County Sheriff's Department. Innotech Communications was the only vendor to respond. The Innotech bid is the same as last year with only one exception. The fee for 24 hours service on schedule one (1) equipment will increase from \$100.00 per month to \$125.00 per month for a total of \$300.00 yearly increase. Innotech Communications has the County's Radio contract and their service has been excellent. Sheriff Owens recommended awarding a new two (2) year contract to Innotech Communications.

Motion by Pokorney\Gordon to recommend approval and award of the Radio Maintenance Contract to Innotech Communications for the Sheriff's Department as presented by the McLean County Sheriff. Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented the contract for the Jail Chaplain. Sheriff Owens stated that Chaplain Bennett has been the inmate chaplain for the past 4 ½ years. Chaplain Bennett has done an outstanding job. The contract figure of \$9,012.50 represents a 3% increase over the FY'2000 contract amount. The contract is for one year and will expire on December 31, 2001.

Motion by Arnold\Pokorney to recommend approval of the Jail Chaplain Contract as presented by the McLean County Sheriff. Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens presented a letter of understanding between the county and the Regional Office of Education to provide a G.E.D. Instructional Program for the inmates in the McLean County Adult Detention Facility. The cost of the program is \$14,000 annually. The cost of the program for 2001 represents no increase over last year's expense.

Mr. Arnold asked if Paragraph 4: Insurance and Benefits included Medicare. Sheriff Owens responded that the Medicare rate would be included as a part of the total F.I.C.A. rate. Mr. Arnold stated that he would recommend approval if the correction of Mr. Derick Love's title is changed to Acting Jail Superintendent and the addition of Medicare benefit is added.

Mr. Zeunik explained that, as a convenience, McLean County handles the Insurance and Benefits provisions of this contract for the Regional Office of Education. The Medicare withholding payment is the obligation of the employer. Medicare is part of the 7.65% withholding for F.I.C.A.

Chairman Sommer suggested that this contract be returned to the State's Attorney Office for further revisions and have revisions made and the Committee can act upon it at a Stand-Up Meeting.

Chairman Sommer asked if every contract agreed upon by the County would cover the separation of responsibilities of benefits, or would this be covered under the Federal Insurance Contribution Act. Mr. Lindberg stated that he is not aware of any contract that documents this issue. Mr. Lindberg will do some research on this subject.

Sheriff Owens explained the bids solicited for the purchase of fleet vehicles for 2001. The Mclean County Sheriff's Department is looking to purchase five full size Crown Victoria's Police Package, two midsize Chevrolet Impala's Police Package and one Ford Explorer or comparable 4WD vehicle. From the bids received, Sheriff Owens recommends awarding the bid for the five Crown Victoria to Dennison Ford of Bloomington. The total cost of the vehicles, after trade-in allowance, is \$77,890.00. This is the lowest bid among all vendors that responded. From the bids received on the two midsize Chevrolet Impalas, the lowest bid of \$30,416.00, after trade-in, was received from Miles Chevrolet of Decatur. Sheriff Owens recommended the bid for the Impalas be awarded to Miles Chevrolet. Sheriff Owens recommended the purchase of one Ford Explorer at an estimated cost of \$24,2000, with the stated bid price to be posted on

December, 2000. With trade-in, the cost of the Explorer would be approximately \$21,500.00. The total cost of the package that includes the eight vehicles is \$129,806.00. This total is within the \$136,000.00 budgeted in the FY'2001 Recommended Budget.

Motion by Arnold\Rodman to recommend the approval and award for the Purchase of 8 Fleet Vehicles for the McLean County Sheriff Department as presented by the Sheriff of McLean. Motion carried.

Chairman Sommer asked if the portable radios transferred to the new vehicles by in-house staff or contracted to an outside service. Sheriff Owens stated that the radios would be transferred by the mechanics that work for the Sheriff Department.

Sheriff Owens discussed the Maintenance Agreements for Typewriters. Sheriff Owens stated that three office equipment dealers were contacted to find out the cost of a maintenance agreement for four typewriters located within the McLean County Sheriff's Department. Office Max of Bloomington and WM Putnam of Bloomington will not supply maintenance agreements on typewriters that were not purchased from them. Paxtons, Inc. of Bloomington will supply maintenance agreements at a cost of \$150.00 per typewriter per year. Sheriff Owens recommends entering into a maintenance agreement with Paxtons, Inc., for the four IBM typewriters in the Sheriff's Department. This amount has been budgeted in the FY'2001 Budget.

Motion by Pokorney\Arnold to recommend approval of a Maintenance Agreement between the McLean County Sheriff's Department and Paxton, Inc., for the maintenance of four IBM typewriters as presented by the McLean County Sheriff. Motion carried.

Sheriff Owen presented the request for an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2000 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, Sheriff Department – LiveScan Grant. Sheriff Owens explained that the Sheriff's Department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$64,427.00 for replacement of the LiveScan Fingerprinting Equipment in the Jail. The proposed Ordinance recognizes the receipt of the grant and the related expense for the purchase of the equipment.

Motion by Pokorney\Gordon to recommend the approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2000 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Sheriff's Department 0029 for LiveScan Fingerprinting Equipment for the Jail as presented by the McLean County Sheriff. Motion carried.

Sheriff Owens discussed the request for an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance for the Sheriff's COPS in Schools Fund. The new officers' salary will be funded from a COPS Grant money. Sheriff Owens stated that the Sheriff Department received a grant for a COPS in Schools Program.

Mr. Arnold asked how the officer assigned to the presently working at Tri-Valley School District under the COPS Program has worked out. Sheriff Owens described some of the positive aspects of this program at Tri-Valley. The presence of the officer in Tri-Valley has reinforced the positive outlook that the students display at various school events. Higher student attendance at games and dances has resulted. The community is more comfortable now.

Motion by Gordon\Arnold to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2000 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Sheriff's COPS in Schools Fund as presented by the McLean County Sheriff. Motion carried.

Chairman Sommer discussed the revenue awarded to McLean County by the Justice Benefits, Inc. The United States Justice Department announced the award of \$10,240.00 to McLean County, Illinois, to reimburse some of the costs of incarcerating criminals who have committed serious crimes in the United States. The goal of this program is to enhance public safety in communities throughout the nation. This opportunity originates from federally mandated programs that the County is providing at local cost. As many local governments are aware, the Federal Government's domestic agenda drives local political entities to assume more responsibility for the administration and delivery of government services. At times these services are funded with local dollars. In some cases, there are Federal funding opportunities available, if the proper request is made.

Chairman Sommer opened discussion regarding the request for a contract attorney from the Public Defender's Office.

Ms. Amy Davis , Public Defender, explained the purpose for this professional services contract is to provide assistance to the Public Defender's Office with the handling of sexually violent persons commitment cases and post conviction cases assigned to the Public Defender. Under the proposed contract, the Public Defender will assign the Special Public Defender a maximum of eight cases per year, which shall be limited to SCPVA cases and Post Conviction Petitions. Funding for this contract will be paid from the unencumbered fund balance in the Violent Crime Defense Fund Grant.

Ms. Davis explained that she is being assigned these cases at a rate of one a year, but, this year, she has already received two in a day. At the present time, Ms. Davis is handling five cases. Mr. Arnold asked why the Public Defender's Office would pay an attorney \$40,000 a year to handle eight cases when there are only five cases to handle. Ms. Davis explained that per the contract, the attorney would handle up to eight sexually violent persons commitment cases and if there are not eight cases of these cases then the attorney would do post conviction cases. Mr. Arnold did not agree with that interpretation of the statement in the contract. Ms. Davis stated that both categories are not the same kind of cases. The post condition cases are not necessarily sexually related. The scenario here would be based on how complex and difficult a case might be.

Mr. Arnold stated that he would like to change the wording so that it does not limit this contract attorney's duties to just sexually violent cases and post conviction cases. Ms. Davis informed the Committee that she has handled twelve post conviction cases within the last calendar year. There is plenty of work to keep this contract attorney busy. The \$40,000 a year figure was achieved based on the complexity and time factor of these cases.

Mr. Gordon commented on paragraph 2 of page 86. Mr. Gordon suggested that the term "Sexually violent persons commitment" be amended to add the word "act". Ms. Davis explained that this contract was meant to be a "draft". Ms. Davis agrees with Mr. Gordon's suggestion.

Chairman Sommer asked Ms. Davis if the numbers of sexually violent cases could increase to eight for the year 2001. Ms. Davis explained that part of the five pending cases that she has are continuation cases. They are not all brand new cases. These five cases will not be counted as part of the eight cases to be assigned to the contract attorney because Ms. Davis will see these five cases through conclusion.

Chairman Sommer asked if any one can call for further review of a sexually violent offender. Ms. Davis stated that is not a possibility. The decision to review an offender is made by the staff at DOC in conjunction with attorneys at the Attorney's General Office. A community can not ask for a certain individual's review. This is not a community action process. This is a legal review of treatment before an individual returns to the community. This form of review is precipitated by the severity of the offenders' record. There are Registration Laws that are enforced by other agencies, not by the Public Defender's Office.

Mr. Arnold raised some concerns regarding no specific individual named or qualifications presented for a \$40,000 contract attorney. Ms. Davis stated that the new contract attorney would be handling cases totally different from the other two contract attorneys. Ms. Davis feels that the Public Defender's Office should not be handling this

types of civil case. The Public Defender's Office is not the most appropriate office for handling these types of cases.

Mr. Rodman asked Ms. Davis what is the rationale behind the "maximum of eight cases." Ms. Davis stated that this specification could be altered to read " will have eight cases."

Mr. Gordon inquired into the possibility of this contract attorney having fewer than eight SVPA cases, would the number of Post Conviction Petition proceedings warrant the expenditure of the amount being requested. Ms. Davis stated that there would be plenty of Post Conviction Petitions proceeding to keep this contract attorney busy. This contract attorney would only handle the very complex and difficult Post Conviction Petitions. The Public Defender's Office would handle the easier ones.

Chairman Sommer stated that the action for this Committee would be to approve the concept of the Public Defender's Office seeking a contract attorney handle sexually violent commitment cases and post conviction cases. The contract presented today is only a "draft." This Committee will act on a complete contract at a future meeting date.

Mr. Rodman asked if this position is considered a Full Time or Part Time position. Ms. Davis explained that this position would require about three days per week. Once this new attorney takes over some of the cases she is presently handling, Ms. Davis would like to work on felony cases, thus providing some relief to the felony attorneys.

Mr. Arnold commented that the guideline for the development of the 2001 Budget was to not hire any additional employees. Mr. Arnold believes that this Committee deviated from these guidelines with the State's Attorney's Office because there was a separate fund of money for positions.

Mr. Zeunik explained that the State's Attorney's request were for contract positions.

Mr. Rodman stated that it took four years to build up \$90,000. Mr. Rodman asked will these revenues continue. Ms. Davis explained that this is a difficult issue to project at this time. She stated that over the four year period the two screeners have consistently made more money than all four employees employed by the grant. The Misdemeanor Screeners were collecting an average of \$1,500 a month for the first six months. Now, they are collecting \$3,500 a month.

Mr. Rodman asked if this request is to be funded by the revenue generated by the screeners' excess fund. Ms. Davis stated that it is up to the Board to make the final decision but her intention has been to use these funds to cover this expenditure.

Mr. Zeunik explained that this situation is similar to the discussion in regards to the State's Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Fund. The fund balance available in this Asset Forfeiture Fund was used for two contract positions for the State's Attorney's Office. The Violent Crime Defense Fund has been in existence for four years and the fund balance is money that is separate from any money due back to the granting agency. The granting agency allowed the County to use the fees generated from the screening program as local match. Over the last four years, the balance in the fund has increased. The risk that Ms. Davis brings to the Committee with this request is similar to the risk that Mr. Reynard discussed with the Committee, that of having more than sufficient funds on hand today to cover the cost for this additional attorney for the next year, whether the money will be available in the future depends on the continued activity, and whether the Committee chooses for the positions to end when the grant ends. There is definitely a need for relief in regards to this matter. The Legislature needs to know that this is a problem. If this issue is such a big deal in McLean County, then it has to be a bigger issue in Lake, McHenry, Will, DuPage and Kane Counties. These counties are large enough to carry legislative weight in Springfield and could ask for some action to be taken to push these cases out of the Public Defender's Office and allow the State Public Appellate Defender's Office to create a separate entity that would be responsible for handling these cases.

Mr. Arnold is curious as to the motivation to change this policy. If this position is funded out of taxpayers' funds, is the pressure being reduced from the State Legislative to discontinue these responsibilities on the parts of the counties. Mr. Zeunik commented that the Public Defender's Office should not be involved in civil cases. The option utilizes a funding source generated from the fees that the clients are ordered to pay by the courts. At this point, property taxes or other General Fund money is not being used. Mr. Zeunik stated that the larger counties are expending a lot more money to handle these cases.

Mr. Arnold stated that the fees are in lieu of taxes. The financial burden is being accessed on the people who actually cause the problem, thus alleviating the expense for the tax payer.

Chairman Sommer commented on the school situation where the amount of local support versus the State support was being protested. If the County does not provide local support, then the schools need to seek State support thus putting pressure on the legislature.

Mr. Rodman asked if the County will retain the entire \$90,000, even after the grant has expired. Mr. Zeunik confirmed that the County would retain this money. Mr. Zeunik stated that there are no prior years refunds due to the granting authorities.

Chairman Sommer wondered if the balance of the fund would be available for the support of the screening officer, after the grant runs out. Mr. Zeunik explained that this fund would be available and could be used in any way that was appropriate.

Mr. Arnold stated that he is convinced of the need for more personnel. Mr. Arnold is not in favor of surrendering negotiating power by authorizing \$40,000.00 or approving a blank contract. Mr. Arnold would agree to authorize Ms. Davis to search for this employee to fill this position with the stipulation of allowing Ms. Davis to offer up to \$40,000. Mr. Zeunik clarified that this would not be an employee of the County but a contract attorney.

Motion by Pokorney\Gordon to recommend approval of a "draft" requesting an additional professional contract attorney for the Public Defender's Office with the changes recommended by the Justice Committee. Motion carried.

Ms. Davis presented the request for three Special Public Defender Attorneys. Ms. Davis stated that Mr. Paul Lawrence, Mr. Patrick O'Rourke and Mr. Alan J. Novick are being considered to fill positions for contract attorneys in the Public Defender's Office. The purpose of these professional service contract attorneys is to provide assistance to the Public Defender's Office in the handling of conflict cases and other cases as assigned by the Public Defender. These contracts are being renewed with no increase in salary.

Motion by Pokorney\Rodman to recommend approval of the three contracts for special Public Defenders as presented by the Public Defender's Office.
Motion carried.

Chairman Sommer opened discussion regarding the Coroner's Office.

Ms. Beth Carlson, Coroner, stated that the Coroner's Office would not be seeing any changes in personnel. Ms. Carlson advised the Committee that she has provided biographical summaries of the Coroner's Office staff. One of her goals is to certify some of her staff as Medical Legal Death Investigators. She will be able to provide the Committee with some training schedules in the future.

Ms. Carlson stated that the monthly reports reflect the trends in McLean County. Out of County work has increased. Five inquests were performed in October, two ruled suicides and three were ruled accidental deaths.

Chairman Sommer opened discussions on renewal of the contract with OSF Healthcare system for provision of Physician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility.

Ms. Naour, Director, Correctional Health Services, stated that the current contract for the McLean County Adult Detention Facility expires December 31, 2000. Ms. Naour recommended that this contract be renewed with OSF HealthCare System and Kenneth Inoue, M.D., for a two year term, from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002. The annual compensation for the first year of this agreement will be \$40,352.00 and will be effective January 2001. This rate is a 4% increase from the previous compensation amount of \$38,800.00 for 2000, and was negotiated with representatives of OSF HealthCare System. The annual compensation for the second year of this agreement will be subject to negotiation and approval by OSF HealthCare System and McLean County, prior to the beginning of the second year of this agreement. Ms. Naour explained that Dr. Inoue started his services in July, 2000 and has performed his duties with expertise. Continuity of services and an on-going awareness of policies, procedures and treatment options continue to be very important factors in the provision of responsible health services to the inmate population. On-call coverage and support services are provided by the OSF HealthCare System through physicians in the McLean County Internal Medical Associates Medical Group.

Motion by Pokorney\Gordon to recommend approval of a renewal contract with OSF HealthCare System and Kenneth Inoue, M. D., for provision of Physician Services at the McLean County Adult Detention Facility. Motion carried.

Ms. Naour commented that the current contract for the McLean County Center for Human Services expires on December 31, 2000. This contract allows us to provide mental health services for the inmate population including counseling, crisis intervention, and psychiatric sessions. There are no additions or deletions in the contract language or the services provided. The projected expenses are within the approved FY'2001 budget of \$62,000 for mental health services for individuals incarcerated in the McLean County Detention Facility. This figure represents a total increase of 1.64% from FY'2000.

Motion by Rodman\Gordon to recommend approval of a renewal contract with the McLean County Center for Human Services for the provision of Mental Health Services for the McLean County Detention Facility. Motion carried.

Chairman Sommer opened discussions on the request for approval of an increase in the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's Office.

Mr. Charles Reynard, State's Attorney, stated that the Board of Governors of the Office of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor voted to increase the County's contribution for FY'2001. This notification became necessary due to the Agency's increasing caseload and operational expenses. This is the first increase in the County's contribution since 1988. All County contributions are based on the population of

participating counties. This Agency is ready to handle all criminal and civil appeals and providing assistance in the trial and appeal of tax objection cases, labor matters, drug forfeitures and prosecutorial support in criminal cases.

Motion by Arnold/Pokorney to recommend approval of an Increase in the County's Contribution to the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor's Office as presented by the State's Attorney's Office. Motion carried.

Mr. Reynard informed the Committee that Page 128 contains a report on the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Mr. Reynard stated that on January 1, 2001, \$60,000 will be transferred into the General Fund. In June 2001, the accumulative balance will be added to the General Fund.

Chairman Sommer commented on the letter of appreciation that the County Rescue Squad received from Logan County. The letter indicates that the Rescue Squad was involved in the search for a weapon in Logan County.

Mr. William Gamblin, ETSB Director, stated that the entire Master Street Address Guide (MSAG) is now being finalized by Verizon and will be completed within the next week or so. This file contains the listing of all of the streets within McLean County with the high and low addresses ranges for each street. This is used as a part of the information the dispatchers receive when an emergency 911 call is made. The other part of the addressing files is the Customer Database (CDB). This is a file that contains all of the new 911 addresses, telephone numbers and names. This file will be loaded into the 911 telephone switch in order to complete the data received by the dispatcher. When the project was started, there were 8121 addresses to convert. That number has been reduced to 598 as of December. Work is currently under way with the United State Postal Service and the GIS to track down and enter the final addresses. On December 10, 2000, the data file from the Postal Services should arrive. This file will be compared to our CDB file and allow us to determine how many of the 598 have cleared by conversion, will provide a new number of addresses that need to be converted, and will provide information on the locations of the addresses that have not been converted. Mr. Gamblin will keep the Committee updated on the progress and results of upcoming meetings.

Mr. Rodman asked when would this E-911 system be up and functional. Mr. Gamblin predicted around June, 2001. If the Illinois Commerce Commission agrees to preliminary testing, it should be functional in six months. The Illinois Commerce Commission requires a mandatory six weeks testing period. Mr. Gamblin stated that the dates depend on the response received from the missing addresses and phone numbers, Mr. Gamblin stated.

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Chairman Sommer recommended that Mr. Gamblin present an update letter to the Committee regarding the December 7th meeting with the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Chairman Sommer presented the bills, which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Justice Committee by the County Auditor.

Motion by Gordon/Arnold to recommend payment of the bills as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

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There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time,
Chairman Sommer adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Carmen I. Zielinski
Recording Secretary